

U.S. BANKRUPTCY JUDGESHIP VACANCY

WESTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

Chief Judge Edward R. Becker announces the appointment of a Search Committee to make recommendations to the Judicial Council of the Third Circuit concerning the appointment of one United States Bankruptcy Judge for the Western District of Pennsylvania. The position is seated in Erie, Pennsylvania, with substantial duties in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania and associated travel.

Bankruptcy judges are appointed to 14-year terms pursuant to 28 United States Code §152. Current salary is \$142,324 per annum. Applicants must be members in good standing of the highest court of at least one state, the District of Columbia, or the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, and in every other bar of which they are members. Applicants should have engaged in the active practice of law for at least five years; demonstrate outstanding legal ability and competence, and a commitment to equal justice under the law; and indicate by their demeanor, character and personality that they would exhibit judicial temperament if appointed. Qualified candidates will be considered equally and without regard to race, sex, age, disability, religious affiliation or national origin. **An extensive background in bankruptcy practice is not required.** The name of the candidate selected for the position will be published for public comment prior to appointment.

The application process is entirely automated, using Adobe Acrobat Writer; to apply, please e-mail your request to submit an application via e-mail to:

bankruptcy_application@ca3.uscourts.gov

or call the Office of the Circuit Executive, Third Judicial Circuit, at 267-299-4205 to provide your e-mail address. The application form may be viewed at www.ca3.uscourts.gov. No paper applications or attachments will be accepted.

Applications and attachments must be submitted by **noon on Friday, May 23, 2003**. For your information, after reviewing the applications, the Committee plans to conduct interviews of selected candidates on or about June 9 and 17, 2003.